

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 777

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate University of Tennessee at Chattanooga head basketball coach John Shulman upon receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is John Shulman, who recently received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County in recognition of his steadfast commitment to the student-athlete in his role as head coach of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shulman is wholly deserving of this award, which was presented to him by Ron Littlefield, Mayor of Chattanooga, and Claude Ramsey, Mayor of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, as head coach of the UTC men's basketball team, Coach Shulman has emphasized to his players the concepts of good sportsmanship, commitment to academics, and overall integrity, instilling in them a set of values that will carry them forward in life; and

WHEREAS, a man of the utmost character and principles, Coach Shulman has led the UTC men's basketball program for six years, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, players, faculty, administration, and fans for his exceptional coaching abilities and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game exhibited by John Shulman and his assistant coaches are without peer; Coach Shulman's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes have delivered several exciting and

memorable moments on the basketball court, including the 2009 Southern Conference championship and a NCAA tournament appearance; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shulman is one of the most respected and esteemed figures in intercollegiate basketball competition; his coaching skills and abilities have garnered him the admiration of basketball fans and purists throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is especially proud to pause in its deliberations to recognize this fine man and his extraordinary life and coaching accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate University of Tennessee at Chattanooga head basketball coach John Shulman upon receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County, applaud him for his vaunted level of success and his dedication to excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.